

November 10, 2016

The November 10, 2016 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Ruth Pante, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Ruth Pante, Glenn Todd, James McMekin, Bob Jewel; also Township Committeeman Joseph Watters

Excused: Elaine Drazek

Absent: Dawn Smith

Minutes: Mr. McMekin MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the September meeting, seconded by Mr. Jewel; all in favor. The October 13, 2016 meeting did not have a quorum in attendance, a workshop meeting was held.

Budget: Mr. Watters reported the \$7,000 in the Environmental Commission 2016 budget is to be returned to the Township. The 2017 budget will be discussed at the December meeting.

Signs: The botanical signs have been erected at the Cafferata Park. A sign in memoriam at the park has not been ordered, the status of this was requested.

Moth Night: To be discussed at the December meeting.

Photo Contest: Residents are signing up to participate in the contest. Mr. Todd wants an official word on the photo contest to protect the future rights of entrants. He believes entrants need to be aware of possible restrictions.

Recycling: In trouble in New Jersey because there is no market for recyclables.

Environmental Comments: Mr. Todd reported the bluebirds are still around, and they are showing much interest in the experimental nesting box he has erected.

Ms. Fascenelli noted Cub Scout Troop 222 will be recognized by the Township Committee for their efforts in the construction and monitoring of bluebirds houses at Cafferata Park.

It was MOVED by Mr. Todd to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante

**Next meeting date:  
December 8, 2016**